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Safety of Calgary schools in spotlight after tragedy

Concern.

Expert says legislating lockdowns in Alberta would improve emergency preparedness



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Safety is a top priority at Calgary schools, officials said Monday, hoping to alleviate any fears local parents might have in the wake of a U.S. school shooting that killed 20 students and six staff.

In a statement on their website, the Calgary Board of Education expressed deep sorrow for the victims of the shooting Friday in Newtown, Conn., and said, "Although the tragedy in Connecticut is over and isolated, we prepare our students for emergencies and to keep themselves safe. We practise fire drills and lockdowns.

Quoted

"We review what to do when students are approached by strangers and if students see strangers around our schools."

Calgary Board of Education statement

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But while boards in the province do generally have policies surrounding lockdown drills and other safety precautions, legislating such measures — which has been done in Ontario and Quebec — would ensure better consistency, according to Donna Gingera, founder and chief executive of HourZero.

Her organization provides emergency preparedness support to numerous school boards in Alberta, including Edmonton's Cath-

olic School District and Rocky View Schools.

"The degree to which schools keep their plans current becomes a major issue for them.... Often, if you look at the currency of a plan, that's where it falls apart," she said, adding legislation "elevates the base you are operating from. If you mandate that everyone has to do a lockdown, it's not 'Should we do them? How often should we do them?' You have to do them — by virtue of that, every staff member has had the exposure of doing a lockdown."

The CBE did not specify in its statement how often lockdowns are conducted and officials declined to elaborate on the statement issued.

The Calgary Catholic School District, however, requires each school conduct two drills per year, often under the watchful eye of Calgary Police Service members, said spokesperson Janet Corsten.

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Mourners hug each other before a funeral service for six-year-old Noah Pozner in Fairfield, Conn., Monday. Pozner was killed when a gunman walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., Friday and opened fire, killing 26 people, including 20 children. The tragedy has put safety of city schools in the spotlight. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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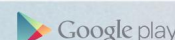
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Northeast Calgary

Home invasion in Coral Springs being investigated by police

Police responded to a home invasion robbery Sunday night in the community of Coral Springs.

According to a release from the Calgary Police Service, five men armed with weapons forced their way into a home in the 0-100 block of Coral Springs Blvd N.E. and assaulted the man who lives there.

Police say the men stole property and ransacked the home, and also caused non-life-threatening injuries to the resident's head and foot.

CPS say they believe the home was targeted by the suspects. **METRO**

Come on down

Price is Right Live! coming to Calgary in March

Calgarians will have the chance to "come on down" and win plenty of prizes when Price is Right Live! comes to the city.

Tickets for the interactive stage show go on sale Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. throughout Ticketmaster and Live Nation.

Just like in the infamous TV show, everything from appliances to cars and vacations are potentially up for grabs for winners of games like Plinko and Cliffhangers.

Price is Right Live! has given away more than \$10 million in cash and prizes for nine years.

The show will take place on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stampede Corral. **METRO**

Grade 3 student found unconscious. Public schools shift to breakaway lanyards following tragic accident

Calgary's public school board has now mandated all students use only lanyards with a breakaway ability following a tragic accident at an area school last week.

A statement posted to the Calgary Board of Education website Monday says single-strand lanyards worn around the neck have been banned effectively immediately following a directive from Alberta's education ministry last week.

Last week, a Grade 3 student at Bearspaw School was found unconscious in a

washroom after his lanyard got caught on a washroom cubicle door, cutting off his airway.

RCMP have determined the incident was an accident. Angela Spanier, spokesperson for Rocky View Schools, which includes the Bearspaw institution, said Monday morning she had no update on the boy's condition after being told Friday he was in stable but critical condition.

Representatives with both the CBE and Calgary Catholic School District said typically

traditional lanyards are worn by older students.

"ID badges are worn by high school students and some of our junior high (students)," said Catholic school spokesperson Janet Corsten. "We are just working through how that (the ban) will look in the schools."

The Catholic board has not formally approved the transition to breakaway lanyards but has already banned use of the single-strand variety, Corsten said.

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Single-strand lanyards like these are no longer permitted in Calgary schools. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Tour of Alberta race to finish in Calgary

Inaugural cycling race.

Tour expected to draw more than 300,000 spectators over six days of racing and generate economic impact of \$30M to \$35M per year

Money

\$3.5M

The Rural Alberta Development Fund provided \$3.5 million in seed funding for the event.

nual race will feature up to 16 international teams with eight pro riders per team.

"The 2.1 sanctioning from the UCI will allow the Tour of Alberta to invite the same teams which compete in the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia," said Alberta Peloton Association chairman Brian Jolly.

The precise route has not yet been finalized but organizers hinted it would hit most major towns between Edmonton and Calgary and include a section through Kananaskis Country.

Alberta Tourism Minister Christine Cusanelli said the race will give the province a chance to showcase itself to the world.



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Starting in September, Alberta will host a top-calibre, pro cycling race between Edmonton and Calgary, officials announced Monday.

The inaugural Tour of Alberta is set for Sept. 3-8, 2013 with stages beginning in the provincial capital and running through rural areas and small towns before wrapping up in Calgary.

Granted a level "2.1" sanctioning by the Union Cycliste Internationale, the an-



Alberta Tourism Minister Christine Cusanelli speaks during the announcement of the Tour of Alberta cycle race in Calgary on Monday. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

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Here's the rub: Call it what it is

Two new bylaws will create a stronger distinction between legitimate massage practitioners and so-called "body rub" businesses, some of which offer sexual services.

"It's easy to giggle about this, but in fact it's very important," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Monday after city council approved both the Massage Licence Bylaw and Body Rub Licence Bylaw.

The former makes it easier for massage practitioners who are members of recognized massage associations to get licences and carry on their businesses, while the latter tightens regulations on non-recognized body-rub operations.

Some members of council expressed concern about incorporating the term "body rub" right into the bylaw, but Kent Pallister, the city's chief licence inspector, said the words were specifically chosen to make prospective clients more aware of what kind of business they're about to enter.

"It is a deliberate term," he told council. "It has a connotation to make people

Impact

- The city expects the new bylaws will mean 1,700 fewer visits per year from legitimate massage practitioners seeking business licences.
- New body-rub businesses will not be allowed to open within 300 metres of an existing body-rub business.
- The maximum penalty under the Body Rub Licence Bylaw is a fine of \$10,000 and one year in jail.

double-think about what exact activity they're going to engage in."

Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra said he heard numerous complaints about body-rub facilities from residents in his ward and was happy to see such places legally distinguished from "legitimate, therapeutic massage practitioners."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Poll. Redford second-most popular premier

Alberta Premier Alison Redford is the second-most popular premier in the country, according to a new poll.

The Angus Reid poll conducted last month showed that 47 per cent of Albertans approved of Redford's performance — eight points lower than when the company conducted the poll in August. Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith was slightly ahead of Redford with 48 per cent of respondents. **METRO**



Premier Alison Redford
METRO FILE

Dollar for your thoughts. Council helps Food Bank

Members of city council put their money where their mouths were Monday, agreeing to donate \$1 to the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank for each minute they spent speaking during their regular meeting.

Ald. Gael MacLeod proposed the idea and Ald. Ray Jones, widely seen as the least talkative council member, assumed the role of timekeeper.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi jokingly tried to get Jones to stop the clock at one point as he

clarified procedure.

"So much of my time is clarifying what you people do, so really I think my timing doesn't count here," Nenshi said.

That prompted Ald. Brian Pincott to rise on a point of order.

"We have always felt that time slows down when you speak," Pincott told the mayor.

According to Jones' final tally, the food bank will receive a total of \$296.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Gifts from the heart, not from the store

My true love gave to me. On the ninth of Metro's 12 Days of Christmas, we look at those who prefer to give handmade gifts

Crafting

- Van Der Velden says she finds most of her materials at Michaels craft stores, and can make a scarf with just \$5 worth of yarn, compared to \$40 store-bought scarves.
- Though she spends more on making jewelry using sterling silver, real crystals and pearls, she says creating an original piece of art is worth the extra cost.



Nancy Van Der Velden says making her own Christmas presents allows her to tailor them to the interests of her close friends and family. LISA WILTON/METRO

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Canadians will spend an average of \$600 on Christmas presents this year.

For many, that makes a significant dent in their wallets.

But if you have the time and want to put in the effort, making your own gifts can save hundreds of dollars.

Nancy Van Der Velden has been making presents for friends and family since she was a kid.

The 28-year-old mother of two says creating her own gifts not only cuts down on the amount of time and money she has to spend in a mall, but allows her to tailor presents to each person's interests.

"That's part of the appeal," she says.

"It's great when you go out and find something that's perfect for them in a store. But it's

rare. I don't want to make a gift they're not going to use. I put more thought into something they might be interested in."

Van Der Velden, who's on maternity leave this year, makes everything from jewelry and beaded hair barrettes to crochet scarves and drawings.

She says each gift can take a day or two to make, but the work she puts into it pays off when she sees the reaction.

"I think they feel special, for lack of a better word, because I've made it for them," Van Der Velden explains.

"There's more meaning behind it. They know they actually mean something to me."

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Council urges flexible work hours to 'spread out' rush hour

City council wants more Calgary businesses to adopt flexible work hours in order to reduce the amount of commuter traffic during rush hour.

"Congestion, frankly, is impacting our quality of life, our productivity, and our environment," Ald. Richard Pootmans said Monday, after introducing a motion asking city staff

to come up with ideas on how to accomplish that.

Mac Logan, the city's general manager of transportation, said one avenue the city might pursue could be working toward removing the "stigma" of showing up later to work, which "might just be a smart thing to do."

"The overall propensity in

Calgary has been to go to work earlier, not later," Logan said.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi backed that suggestion. "I myself am an example of that," the mayor said. "I typically don't take meetings early in the morning. I do work from home early in the mornings."

Nenshi said he'd also like

to see more concrete ideas, such as incentives the city might provide.

"Could we, for example, provide companies with — I'll make something up — discounted bus passes for their employees, but they can't be used at certain times of the day?" he asked.

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Biatra Muzabazi is able to smile with children Shane, 4, and Rene, 7. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mom gets missing kids
back for the holidays**Toronto.** Horror began in April when her children were not returned from a trip to her native Zimbabwe

A Toronto mom reunited with her two children after eight months broke down on Monday as she thanked those who helped bring the family back together in time for the holidays.

Biatra Muzabazi said she thought she would never get her boy and girl back from Zimbabwe, where they had gone on vacation in April but not returned.

Police allege family members hid the pair at a boarding school in Zimbabwe.

"I never thought (I'd see) my children again," Muzabazi said, clutching her kids and choking back tears.

Police decided the best way to effect a possible return was to send Muzabazi to Zimbabwe, even raising the money to help make that happen.

Muzabazi's mother, who

lives in the southern African country, helped obtain needed documentation and Zimbabwean authorities accepted that the children belonged with their mother in Canada.

But the paternal family wasn't ready to turn them over.

At one point, as Muzabazi waited outside the boarding school, a family member took the children and fled.

Running out of money, the distraught mother said she was on the verge of giving up and returning to Canada without her children.

Then, the Canadian embassy in Harare called her last week to say the children had been dropped off there.

"I just started crying. I couldn't believe it," she said.

As the wide-eyed young ones clutched their mother and watched the throng of news people, Muzabazi said her daughter still appears fretful about any separation.

"She just can't go far away from me," Muzabazi said. "She just wants to be with me all the time."

A criminal investigation

Background

Kids kept a world away

The saga began in April, when Rene, 7, and Shane, 4, went for a visit to Muzabazi's native Zimbabwe, something that had occurred several times before without incident.

This time, however, the divorced mother began to worry when the children, who were born in Mississauga, Ont., were not returned to Canada as scheduled.

Instead, paternal family members placed the children in a boarding school, which actively hid them from local authorities, police allege. In September, the worried mother approached Toronto police.

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was ongoing, police said.

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Berlusconi-trial witness fined for pulling no-shows

Premeditated absence? Prosecution has accused defence of using stall tactics in attempt to delay verdict

A Moroccan woman at the centre of Silvio Berlusconi's sex-for-hire scandal was fined 500 euros (about \$650) on Monday for twice failing to appear as a witness at the former prime minister's trial. A Milan court ordered her to testify in January.

Karima el-Mahroug, also known as Ruby, is the last witness to be called in the sensational trial that accuses Berlusconi of having paid for sex with el-Mahroug when she was 17, and then trying to cover it up. Both deny having had sex.

The court ordered el-Mahroug, who is in Mexico on vacation, to testify on Jan. 14, confirming the necessity of her testimony.

Prosecutors have accused the defence, which called el-Mahroug as a witness, of engaging in a strategy to delay a verdict — which has included calling witnesses who have failed to show.

Italian law does not carry particularly strict penalties against witnesses who fail to appear, and in some cases the court may decide their participation is not essential.

Prosecutors are scheduled to give their closing arguments on Jan. 28, followed by the defence on Feb. 4. The verdict could be delivered in February. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Karima el-Mahroug, also known as Ruby, in Milan in 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Controversial former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi, left, recently announced he is engaged to Francesca Pascale, 28, right, who is part of a support group called Silvio, we miss you. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILES

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Police bias let Pickton keep killing: Inquiry

63 recommendations.

Report says the disappearance of sex-trade workers was considered routine

Bias against the impoverished aboriginal drug-addicted sex workers in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside led to a series of failures that allowed serial killer Robert Pickton to hunt unimpeded by police for years, a public inquiry has found.

Commissioner Wally Oppal's 1,448-page report, released on Monday, chronicles years of mistakes that allowed Pickton to lure dozens of women to his farm in Port Coquitlam, with little interference from police and even less concern from the public.

"Put yourself in the shoes of one of the missing and mur-



RCMP delayed interviewing Robert Pickton, above, because he was "busy" on the farm, a report says.
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dered women and think how it would feel if you were ... considered unworthy of attention," Oppal said in a news conference.

Among other mistakes,

Oppal criticized authorities for being reluctant to accept the possibility of a serial killer, handing the investigation to untrained officers, halting work for months at a time and assuming the disappearances stopped before they did.

He made 63 recommendations, including the formation of a regional police force for the greater Vancouver area and policy changes to ensure they reflect the needs of impoverished women.

Oppal also called for more services for sex workers and other vulnerable women, including immediate funding for a 24-hour drop-in centre for sex workers in the Downtown Eastside and a transportation service for women and girls who would otherwise resort to hitchhiking along the so-called Highway of Tears in the province's north.

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This is what a 35-car pileup looks like

A car is caught between two semi trucks on Monday in a pileup on a slippery highway near Quebec City that involved more than 35 vehicles. The accident on Highway 40 in Portneuf involved transport trucks and cars and multiple collisions that saw some vehicles hit repeatedly. A number of people sustained minor injuries.

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Ritalin not for the healthy, journal asserts

Doctors should consider refusing requests by healthy patients for cognitive-enhancement drugs such as those used to treat attention deficit disorder, says an article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Prescription stimulants such as Ritalin and Dexedrine are often used to increase focus, concentration and memory.

Co-author Cynthia Forlini of McGill University in Montreal says there is little evi-

dence that the medications benefit healthy people and their side-effects may cause harm.

She says some studies suggest up to 11 per cent of university students take them.

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Language spat delays election-shooting case

Attack on Parti Québécois. Richard Henry Bain refuses to receive psychiatric assessment from French-speaking doctor

The man charged in Quebec's election-night shooting has refused to speak to a French-speaking psychiatrist, causing

a delay in his case.

Richard Henry Bain was expected to receive the results of his assessment on Monday to determine whether he was fit to stand trial.

But the case was put off until Jan. 11 while the hospital that conducts the evaluation finds a different doctor. Bain will remain at Montreal's Pinel Institute until then.

Stagehand Denis Blanchette was killed and another worker was wounded in the Sept. 4 at-

Quoted

"I fight for freedom, democracy, justice and to speak one's mother's tongue."

Richard Henry Bain during his earlier Dec. 7 hearing

tack at a downtown club where the Parti Québécois was celebrating its election victory.

Bain faces 16 charges, in-

cluding first-degree murder; three of attempted murder; arson; and a number of weapons counts. The Crown said Monday the investigation remains open and other charges have not been ruled out.

Bain's court appearance Monday was far less dramatic than his previous one when he delivered a lengthy rant about being sent on a mission by Jesus Christ to rid Quebec of its "separatist problem."

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Quebec Premier Pauline Marois told a TV show recently she believes she was the target of the election-night attack. REBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Letter. Minister makes plea on behalf of Canadian awaiting death penalty

The Canadian government has sent a letter to Montana's governor requesting that he spare the life of death row inmate Ronald Smith.

The Dec. 10 letter from Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird to Montana's outgoing Gov. Brian Schweitzer is almost identical to one sent to the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole a year ago prior to the Alberta man's clemency hearing. It makes it clear that the Federal Court ordered the federal government to support Smith's case for clemency.

"The government of Canada requests that you grant clemency to Mr. Smith on humanitarian grounds," writes Baird. "The government of Canada does not sympathize with violent crime and this letter should not be construed as reflecting a judgment on Mr. Smith's conduct."

Smith has been on death row since admitting he murdered Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Madman Jr. near East Glacier, Mont., in 1982.

The Harper government initially refused to back Smith's calls for clemency, saying he was convicted in a democratic country. But the Federal Court



Ronald Smith THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

ruled Ottawa must follow a long-standing practice of lobbying on behalf of Canadians sentenced to death in other countries.

The Montana Board of Pardons and Parole recommended against granting clemency to Smith. The matter is now in the hands of Schweitzer, a two-term Democrat, who is to officially leave office in a matter of weeks.

Schweitzer hasn't commented since the clemency hearing, but earlier indicated he didn't want to leave a decision up to his successor.

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Federal election results

Lawyers wrap up arguments in robocall case

The electoral fates of six Conservative MPs, once strictly the purview of Canadian voters, landed in the hands of a judge Monday as lawyers on both sides of the so-called robocalls case wrapped up their arguments.

It now falls to Federal Court Judge Richard Mosley to decide whether the evidence merits the drastic step of throwing out the results of last year's federal election in the six ridings in question.

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Human remains in bag

Cape Breton police expect more arrests in homicide

Police in Cape Breton say more arrests are expected in the gruesome case of a young woman whose remains were found in a hockey bag in May.

On Sunday, police confirmed that a second man — 37-year-old Brian Augustine Deruelle of Glace Bay — was arrested and charged with accessory after the fact in the death of 21-year-old Laura Catherine Jessome. On Saturday, police laid the same charge against Robert Edwin Matheson, 49, also from Glace Bay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gun control. Debate simmers as Democrats call for ban on assault rifles

A U.S. senator and lifelong member of the National Rifle Association became the most prominent gun-rights advocate to speak out after last week's school shooting, saying Monday that it was time for the debate to move beyond political rhetoric and for an honest discussion to begin about reasonable restrictions on guns.

As many gun-rights advocates and politicians remained silent, the killing of 20 children as young as six years old led conservative Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin to speak out.

"Never before have we seen our babies slaughtered. It's never happened in America that I can recall, seeing this carnage," Manchin told MSNBC. "Anybody that's a proud gun owner, a proud member of the NRA, they're also proud parents, they're proud grandparents. They understand this has changed where we go from here."

The self-described "proud outdoorsman and hunter" added, "I don't know anyone in the sporting or hunting arena that goes out with an assault rifle. I don't know anybody who needs 30 rounds in a clip to go hunting."

Democrats say the "mean-

Speaking out

- **Connecticut independent Sen. Joe Lieberman** said it was time to take a deeper look into the recent series of mass shootings.
- **Sen. Dianne Feinstein** said she will introduce legislation next year to ban new assault weapons.
- **New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg** said Obama could use executive powers to enforce existing gun laws.

ingful action" Obama has spoken of in the wake of last week's shooting must include a ban on the military-style assault weapons and a look at how the country deals with people suffering from serious mental illness.

Gun control was a hot topic in the early 1990s, when Congress enacted a 10-year ban on assault weapons. But since that ban expired in 2004, few Americans have wanted stricter laws, and politicians say they don't want to become targets of a powerful gun-rights lobby. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Tasha Devoe, left, of Lawrence, Mass., joins a march on Monday to the National Rifle Association headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington. Curbing gun violence will be a top priority of President Barack Obama's second term, aides say. **MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Students embrace while wearing Newtown school sweaters outside the funeral on Monday for six-year-old shooting victim Jack Pinto in Newtown, Conn. Friday's massacre has brought the gun-control debate in the United States to a boiling point. **CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Students mourn slain classmates

Connecticut shooting.

Gunman's motive unknown, but investigators believe he attended Sandy Hook

The Connecticut town shattered by last week's school massacre held its first two funerals on Monday, as officials weren't sure whether the school itself would ever reopen. Nervous students and teachers across the U.S. returned to classrooms under tighter security.

Family, friends and townspeople streamed out of two funeral homes after saying goodbye to Jack Pinto, who loved

Coping with fear

"I don't want to see my kids go to schools that become maximum-security fortresses. That's not the world I want to live in, and that's not the world I want to raise them in." **Noah Pozner mourner Ray DiStephan**

the New York Giants football team, and Noah Pozner, who liked to figure out how things worked mechanically. Friends and loved ones headed for two cemeteries afterward.

In front of the funeral home where relatives were mourning Noah, well-wishers placed two teddy bears, a bouquet of white flowers and a single red rose at the base of a maple tree. Hymns rang out from inside the funeral home

where Jack's service was being held. "The message was: You're secure now. The worst is over," one mourner, Gwendolyn Glover, said.

The boys were being buried a day after the small community of Newtown came together for a vigil where President Barack Obama said he will use "whatever power" he has to prevent similar massacres.

"What choice do we have?" he said. "Are we really pre-

pared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard?"

Investigators have offered no motive for the shooting, and the Connecticut community is struggling to comprehend what drove 20-year-old Adam Lanza to shoot his mother to death at home in bed on Friday morning, drive her car to the school and unleash gunfire on six adults and 20 children.

Obama has given no specifics on what he might do, and White House spokesman Jay Carney on Monday warned that "no single piece of legislation or action will fully address the problem."

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Governor's summer holiday didn't break rules, BoC says

Most boring cottage party ever? Carney vacationed with Liberal finance critic while he was being courted for leadership race

The Bank of Canada tried to

quell questions about its governor's impartiality and judgment Monday, saying Mark Carney was not afoot of conflict rules by vacationing in the summer at the cottage of the Liberal finance critic.

The central bank confirmed a weekend report that Carney stayed at Scott Brison's Nova Scotia cottage while key mem-

bers of the Liberal party were courting him for the leadership. Spokesman Jeremy Harrison said there was nothing improper in the visit, and that bank duties were not discussed.

"The Bank of Canada's general counsel, who is responsible for enforcing the bank's conflict-of-interest policy, has assessed that this visit does not

breach the bank's conflict-of-interest guidelines in any way," Harrison said. "Neither the Bank of Canada nor governor Carney have an actual or potential commercial or business relationship with Mr. Brison."

Harrison added that Carney and Brison had been friends for about a decade.

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

RIM. Rogers begins orders for 'all-touch' BB10 devices

Rogers Communications says that its current wireless customers are now able to place orders for BlackBerry 10 smartphones.

The new BlackBerry 10 devices on offer will be "all-touch" and won't have the physical keyboard that BlackBerry users are used to typing on.

But Rogers won't be providing details on pricing, availability or specifications until early in the new year.

Research In Motion has previously said an "all-touch" version of its new phones would be released first, followed by a model with a physical keyboard shortly afterward.

RIM announced separately that it's giving an invitation-

only preview of the BlackBerry 10 to more than 120 select government and private-sector customers in a variety of industries. The two announcements are part of efforts to build interest in a new generation of BlackBerrys in hopes of reviving the Canadian technology company.

The BlackBerry 10 smartphones are seen as make-or-break products for Research In Motion, which has faced intense competition from Apple's iPhones and smartphones using the Google Android operating system.

RIM shares closed down 22 cents, or 1.59 per cent, to \$13.66 Monday on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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IT'S ACTUALLY NOT THE END OF THE WORLD



SHE SAYS...
Jessica Napier
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Do you have all of your affairs in order? Have you told all your friends and family just how much you love them? Because if the fear mongers are to be believed, we only have a few days left to say

our goodbyes before an apocalyptic end-of-days descends upon us all on Dec. 21.

A fate foretold by hieroglyphs and perpetuated by a terrible John Cusack disaster movie, the Mayan doomsday prophecy represents the end of the Mesoamerican long-count calendar. This so-called Day of Reckoning will bring about something (although no one is quite sure what exactly) that will mean the end of the world as we know it.

Prepping for reality

And yet, despite all the evidence to the contrary (you know, science), people around the world are very into this faux-pocalypse.

But before you get too nervous about solar flares, catastrophic floods and swarms of killer bees, just stop. NASA went and debunked the whole thing by releasing a video entitled Why the World Didn't End Yesterday, a whole 10 days ahead of schedule. Their official statement is something along the lines of "Our planet has been getting along just fine for more than four billion years, so everybody just relax, OK?"

And yet, despite all the evidence to the contrary (you know, science), people around the world are very into this faux-pocalypse. Alarmist bloggers are convincing people to hunker down with canned goods while New Age visionaries are purchasing one-way plane tickets to a remote village in Turkey renowned for its protective energies. And then there's that Chinese farmer who is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars building an ark as a precautionary measure — AN ARK!

I'm tempted to join in on the fun: host a doomsday pity party for myself and listen to Britney Spears' Till the World Ends on repeat while drowning my sorrows in a pint of Häagen-Dazs Mayan Chocolate ice cream. But, rationally, we all know that we've got nothing to worry about; we're still buying Christmas presents and making plans for New Year's Eve. I'm actually inclined to think that the whole thing might just be a way for companies to cash in on tasteless apocalypse-blowout sales and end-of-the-world-themed merchandise.

So, even though I love a good conspiracy theory, I think I'll side with our modern-day scientists over an ancient civilization and its 5,125-year-old calendar. However, if your Judgment Day predictions involve a sexy astronaut version of Ben Affleck saving us all from a rogue asteroid, you definitely have my attention.

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The Mayans never predicted the world would end Dec. 21. The date marks the end of the 13th baktun, a time to flip the calendar to the 14th baktun, a significant day and cause for celebration. PETERCASTLETON/FlickR

Do you do takeout?



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Culinary world record

World's largest pizza is served

Five Italian chefs have set a new record for the world's largest pizza, which measured staggering 40 metres in diameter — the length of nearly three buses.

Such was the size of the massive margherita that the chefs in Rome had to bake the dough in 5,234 separate batches over a 48-hour period.

The gargantuan food item was made gluten-free in order to raise awareness about celiac disease, the most frequent food intolerance worldwide.

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Dovilio Nardi, head of the Italian chef quintet

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- 100 kilograms of lettuce
- 25 kilograms of balsamic vinegar
- 1,354 litres of yeast

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kilograms was the total weight of this prodigious pizza. The colossal size is the same as more than 68,300 regular frozen pizzas put together.

The team broke the previous record, set in 1990 by Norwood Pick 'n Pay hypermarket in South Africa. The former record holder's pizza was made of gluten and measured 37 metres.

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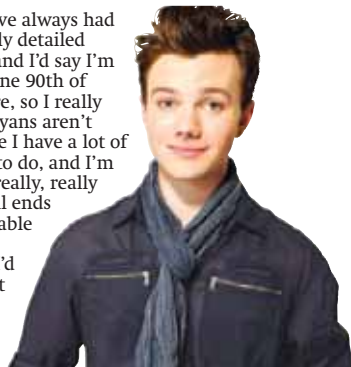
With Dec. 21 fast approaching, we ask a few celebs what they might do if they were faced with the end of the world

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Metro World News in Hollywood

CELEBRITY BUCKET LISTS

Chris Colfer (Glee)

You know, I've always had a really, really detailed bucket list, and I'd say I'm only about one 90th of the way there, so I really hope the Mayans aren't right because I have a lot of stuff I want to do, and I'm going to be really, really pissed if it all ends and I'm not able to. If I had a month left, I'd probably just go on a very expensive vacation.



Joel McHale (Community)

An end of the world bucket list? Yes. A really sturdy bucket.



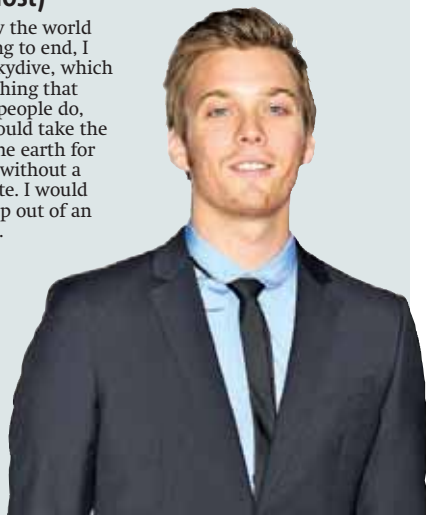
Maggie Grace (Taken 2)

Honestly, one of my sort of bucket list items I just ticked off. I did a Broadway play for the first time. It was terrifying. But it's something I've wanted to do since I was 11 years old. So I at least checked one off.



Jake Abel (The Host)

If I knew the world was going to end, I would skydive, which is something that normal people do, but it would take the end of the earth for me. But without a parachute. I would just jump out of an airplane.



Teresa Palmer (Warm Bodies)

Oh gosh, end of the world bucket list? Yeah, I would've liked to have had a baby before the end of the world, but there's not really time for that. I'm not sure what I'm going to do. I want to jump out of a plane, for sure. I would just eat so much food, 24/7 just eat and eat and eat. Travel around the world, eating from all different cultures. That'd be amazing.



Kellan Lutz (The Twilight Saga)

No, I don't (have one), because I don't believe the world's going to come to an end. God never gave a date so I don't believe it's going to happen. So there's no need for me to make a plan B with all that. I'm just living my life every day to the fullest.



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Wiz Khalifa is doing things a little differently on his latest album. GETTY IMAGES

Wiz Khalifa takes his music to a higher level

O.N.I.F.C. Rapper's latest album debuts at No. 2, while he prepares for fatherhood and marriage

Rapper Wiz Khalifa says preparation for becoming a first-time father and husband has helped put him in a more mature musical state of mind.

But that doesn't mean Khalifa will refrain from his weed-smoking, rock-star-like ways.

"I'm at a different point in my life," said Khalifa, whose sophomore album, *O.N.I.F.C.*, debuted at No. 2 on Billboard's 200 albums chart this week with 141,000 copies sold, according to Nielsen Scan.

"I just want to say things a little bit differently and express myself on another level on the album," he continued. "I have new responsibilities, but I'm always going to smoke weed and enjoy myself. My son is going to love me for the same reasons

others do. I'm not just going to turn into some old fart."

For the 25-year-old Khalifa, life is just getting started. He and his fiancée, Amber Rose, who is in the third trimester of her pregnancy, are expected to get married at a courthouse in a few weeks.

Khalifa said he and Rose — an ex-girlfriend of Kanye West — want to marry before the birth of their son. He said they will hold a traditional wedding ceremony later with family and friends.

"There's a lot of excitement going on," the Pittsburg-based rapper said. "I just worked my (butt) off and tried to be better every day. I've just tried to move forward naturally."

Rose, a model and rapper, appears on Khalifa's new album. It also features Pharrell, 2 Chainz and the Weeknd, who appears on the current single *Remember You*. The first single, *Work Hard, Play Hard*, is a platinum Top 20 hit.

While the album is finally out, Khalifa and his record label, Atlantic Records, initially struggled over the creative process for *O.N.I.F.C.*, which stands

for Only N-word in First Class.

He said his label wanted him to focus on producing big hits, similar to his omnipresent jam *Black and Yellow*, which skyrocketed to the top of charts and helped previous album, *Rolling Papers*, sell nearly 200,000 copies in the first week last year and eventually reach gold status.

Khalifa felt otherwise, saying there was a lack of communication between himself and label executives.

"I had less freedom to be creative, but it's all about communication," he said. "Business-wise, people want to compare. That's the main thing you have to get over."

Khalifa calls the experience a test.

"You're either going to let it destroy you, be bigger than you or you be bigger than it," he said. "You have to go through conflict and disagreement. You can't shut down. You have to really be about your business, your money. If you quit, the label is not (quitting). They're going to keep going and make money. You do, too."

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Judd Apatow's films are a family affair

This is 40. Director's biggest worry when working with his kids on set is preventing a revolt from happening



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This is 40 marks the third time Judd Apatow has directed his wife, Leslie Mann, and their two daughters, Maude and Iris, following Knocked Up and Funny People. But with the girls getting older, the writer-director is giving them more to do on screen — something he admits can backfire while filming. We sat down with Apatow to discuss the family working dynamic.

When you're directing your own children, is there a sort of loophole around the usual Hollywood laws for child labour?

There isn't, really. In fact, it works the other way because I look like a jerk in front of the crew if I do anything that seems like pushing with my



Judd Apatow, left, claims he has to make his sets fun for his kids when he's directing them in his films. HANDOUT

kids. I have to be very polite — a kiss-ass, really — so there isn't a revolt on the set. I was always afraid that they would just get bored or tired

and want to go home, and I would be stuck in this position of saying, "You're not allowed to go home, you're at work." So I worked very

hard to make it fun for them so they wanted to stay on the set. And they did. In real life, at that time they had a lot of sibling rivalry, and as a result

of having to play out all these scenes together where they fight really hard, I think they've seen it from another angle and ever since we shot

the movie, they've gotten along really well.

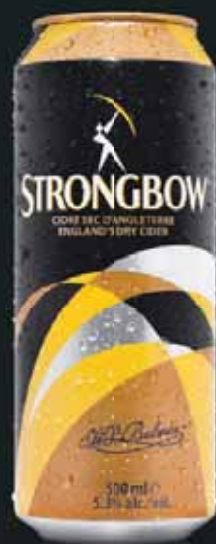
Are they at all worried that as they grow up they'll be the subject of more of your movies?

We haven't talked about it. They're at that age where every six months they're completely different people, so there's not that much long-range thinking going on. They had a really good time making the movie, they're proud of it, they're having their first real experience of what it's like putting a movie out into the world that they're proud of, but they don't have any plans about acting. They have enough trouble with math and biology.

Was there any effort to get Katherine Heigl involved for at least a cameo?

I just thought honestly about where everybody would be five years later. It would make sense to me that (Heigl's character) Allison got a job somewhere else working at a TV station. They're probably in Atlanta or something like that, Seth and Katherine. I didn't want to bring a lot of people back because I wanted this to be its own world.

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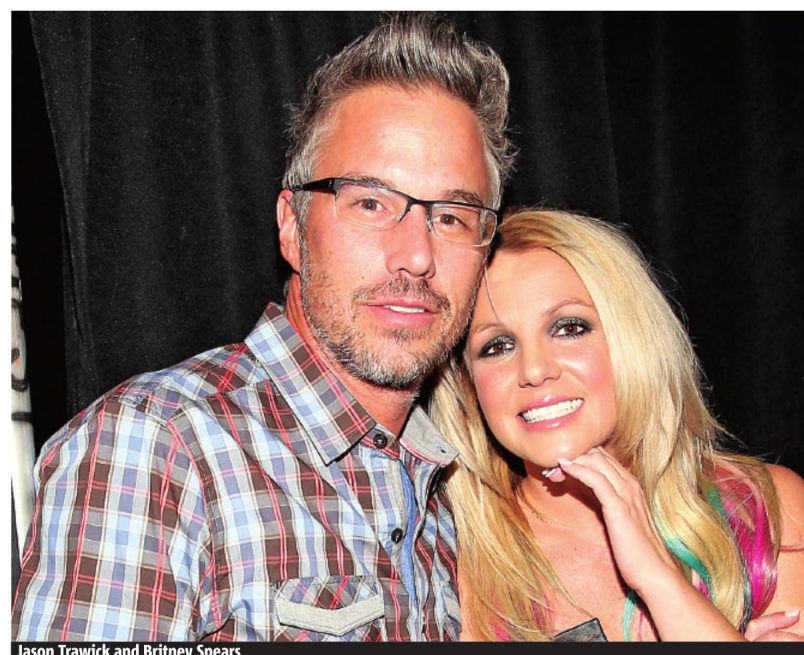
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Jason Trawick and Britney Spears

Oops! I did it again? Another break up for Britney?

Britney Spears' relationship with Jason Trawick may be about to end, though the X Factor host and pop star is apparently the last to know, according to Holly-

scoop.

"Jason has told Britney's entire family that he's planning to leave her so Britney will have a support system when he breaks the bad news," a source says of

the couple, who are reportedly spending the holidays apart. Trawick is said to be waiting until Spears' work on the current season of the X Factor is wrapped before dumping her.

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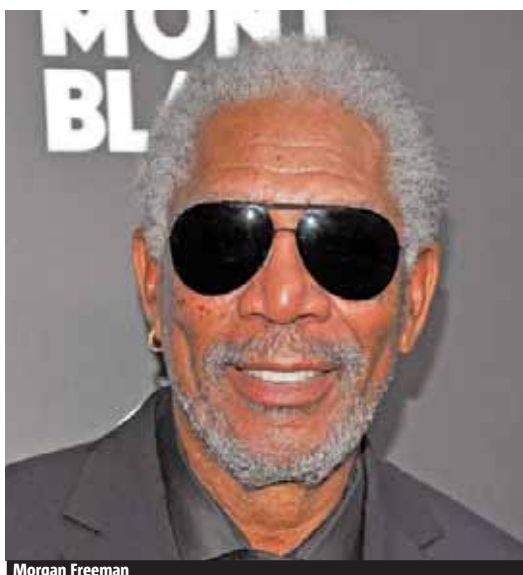
The big ol' babies of 2012



THE WORD
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The past few days have been rough for everyone, so I'm going to dedicate today's column to some of the biggest celebrity babies who made their appearance this year. That's right: lots and lots of adorable babies! Who: Blue Ivy Carter Parents: Jay-Z and Beyoncé Given the media attention surrounding the birth of Blue Ivy, it's pretty surprising the world didn't tip off its axis when she came into the world on Jan. 7. Who: Samuel Affleck Parents: Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck The movie-star duo welcomed

their first son on Feb. 27. Not much is known about baby Sam, other than he'll probably be ridiculously good looking and talented. Who: Maxwell Johnson Parents: Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson After following the longest pregnancy known to man, Simpson finally birthed baby Maxi on May 1. And now she's allegedly pregnant again. That, or maybe she's just constantly gestating. Who: Jack Pratt Parents: Anna Farris and Chris Pratt Not a lot of fanfare was made about baby Jack's somewhat premature appearance on Aug. 25. Instead of gracing any magazine covers to showboat the news, new dad Chris Pratt Tweeted this message to his followers, "It's a boy! Thanks for all your kind words. In lieu of gifts we ask that you mouth kiss a stranger."



Morgan Freeman

Newtown tragedy: Freeman didn't comment

Not so fast, Facebook users. A lengthy quote attributed to Morgan Freeman in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., elementary school shooting tragedy has been making the rounds on the social networking site, suggesting media coverage

encouraged the shooter. The only problem is those aren't Freeman's words. "Morgan neither made statements or posted those statements. We are trying to find out who did, but they did not originate from him," a source for the actor tells E! News.

Matt Damon sets the record straight on his sexual orientation

Matt Damon has been dodging gay rumours ever since he and best friend Ben Affleck burst on the scene with *Good Will Hunting*, but he's avoided acknowledging them — until now. "I never denied those rumours

because I was offended and didn't want to offend my friends who were gay — as if being gay were some kind of f---ing disease," he tells *Playboy* magazine. "It put me in a weird position in that sense. The whole thing was just gross."



Twitter



@HackedOffHugh

Taking gooner nephew to Emirates. Thanks to all Walcotts. Will try not to start ruck.



@ZacharyQuinto

lately been feeling like the disgruntled child of divorced parents twitter and instagram. pull it together you guys. this is embarrassing.



@EmmaBunton

So many people running on the streets of London, that's it im gonna get fit,,,,,, after Christmas!!!



@Joan_Rivers

I love celebrity Christmas carols. in Jessica Simpson's house they'll stand around the piano singing, "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus."

Must be legal drinking age.



THE ARCH ENEMY OF EGGNOG.

Last minute holiday health

Fitness. Celebrity trainer Ashley Borden has a Christmas gift for you: expert tips to avoid temptation

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What was the point of kicking yourself into shape last January if you're going to let all your efforts go to waste in the last two weeks of the year?

"You should absolutely indulge during the holidays because if you restrict yourself, you'll only feel deprived and frustrated," Ashley Borden, who trains celebrities including Ryan Gosling, Christina Aguilera and Ke\$ha, tells Metro. "The problem is that people tend to adopt an 'all or nothing' attitude and as a result, their fitness and diet completely goes out of the window."

Here's what she'd do in certain situations.

Scenario 1: There is no way I can ditch my family so I can go off and do some exercise.

"I don't believe that because you're with your family, you can't take the time out to workout," says Borden.

"Why would you turn off your life and drop the things that are actually helping you feel good? Many people find dealing with the full family dynamic both stressful and emotional — making it even more important that you set aside an hour or so each day of 'me' time where you can let off some steam.

"It may seem a little self-

ish, but don't care."

TIP: Focusing on yourself will make you a more productive family member because you'll feel less resentful for being locked in the house stuffing the turkey and chopping up carrots.

Scenario 2: The holidays are about switching off. I don't want to stick to a schedule.

"Normally, people find it easy to stay on track because they follow a set routine. They get up, cycle to work, have breakfast and so on," says Borden. "But during the holidays, because there isn't the same schedule and structure, diet and fitness habits can become very erratic. The assumption is that once it's all over, losing the extra weight and bloat will be easy when deep down we all know we're going to struggle. The key is to not schedule in exercise. Make loose but firm plans — book a spinning class or stock up on fruit and vegetables so you have something to snack on."

TIP: Wake up without an alarm. Have some breakfast before you do a quick 30 minute cardio workout. Once you've done that, you can relax for the rest of the day.

Scenario 3: Festive food is my favourite. I'm going to starve myself all day just so I can stuff my face at dinnertime.



Don't get sucked into the Santarex habits this month. THINKSTOCK

"Never assume that it's OK to skip meals during the day in order to lash out at Christmas dinner. This kind of behaviour will really screw up your eating patterns," warns Borden.

"Your body can't assimilate and metabolize all these calories at once and that's how you end up gaining weight. It's much easier to eat a normal dinner and allow yourself a bit of indulgence. One slice of cake won't make

or break your body."

TIP: On days when you know you're likely to over-eat, try and break a sweat for at least 20 minutes.

Scenario 4: It's impossible to workout in my hotel.

"If you're really stuck at your

in-laws in the middle of nowhere, you always have your body weight to use.

Set up a mini circuit in your room — even if you have very little space, you can train for around 30 minutes by doing reverse lunges, planks or pushups.

If you want to do some cardio, pack a jump rope."

TIP: Invest in some resistance bands with handles. And, again, pack a jump rope in your luggage.

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Tips to a stress-free holiday

December should be a month of indulgence and happiness — then why is it always a time of conflict and drama? Laura Oates, behavioural psychologist at Harley Therapy in England, tells us how to avoid a mental breakdown.

Sorry, Christmas is not a Kodak moment

"We're expected to believe that as if by magic, we're all going to get on famously. We all wish we had a loving family that peacefully opened their presents on Christmas day, but in reality, you all wake up late, moody and hung over. Make the best of what you've got and you won't feel so cheated. If things go horribly wrong — well it only lasts a few days."

Don't trash your body

"Put too many demands on your body and what will happen is that you will end up running on adrenalin, which can cause up to 60 per cent of your cognitive powers to be taken away from you. You can lose sleep and concentration — now try planning something. Look after your body and it will look after your mind. Don't expect it to take you to loads and loads of parties."

Best Health

Creating healthy gifts for the holidays



BEST HEALTH MINUTE
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Best Health Magazine

In the December issue of Best Health magazine, on newsstands now, our regular dietitian columnist Sue Mah offers a few ideas for how to make a gift that is both thoughtful and healthy.

Here are a few:

Soup mix in a jar

Take a glass Mason jar and layer it with multi-coloured soup ingredients like rice, lentils, dried green split peas, red lentils, black beans and herbs. You'll end up with pretty, colourful layers in the jar. Tie a ribbon around the jar and voila.

Family cookbook

Share your favourite family recipes by copying them and pasting into a pretty, blank notebook. Attach a new apron, wooden spoon

Quote

Your time is the most precious gift you can give to friends and loved ones.

or oven mitts as a bonus.

Give coupons

Your time is the most precious gift you can give to friends and loved ones. Create your own coupons and use them as stocking stuffers. Anything goes. Some ideas for what to promise your partner with the coupon: Dinner on me, at the restaurant of your choice; one free hand car wash by me; no putting out the garbage duty for the week.

And for the kids: Extra marshmallows in your hot chocolate, movie with mom and dad.

Make the coupons redeemable at any time of year and seal them with a kiss.

For more holiday gift ideas, see the December issue of Best Health.

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1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray 9-inch springform pan with cooking oil.

2. Crust: Combine wafer crumbs, 2 tbsp water and oil in bowl and mix well. Pat onto bottom and slightly up sides of springform pan.

3. Filling: Combine chocolate chips and 2 tbsp water in microwaveable bowl and microwave for 40 seconds. Stir until smooth.



This recipe serves 12. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

4. Combine chocolate mix with ricotta and cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, cocoa, egg and 1/2 cup sour cream in bowl of food processor and purée until

smooth. Pour over crust. Bake 30 minutes. Centre should still be slightly loose.

5. For topping, mix sour cream

Ingredients

Crust

- 2 cups chocolate wafer crumbs
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Cheesecake

- 1/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 1/2 cups light smooth ricotta cheese
- 3/4 cup light cream cheese
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour

Topping

- 1 1/4 cups low-fat sour cream
- 2 tbsp sugar

and sugar. Carefully spoon over cake. Bake another 10 minutes. Cool on rack, then chill completely before removing the sides of the pan and serving. Top with chocolate wafer crumbs. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

Health Solutions

Your holiday cheat sheet



NUTRI-BITES
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Oh, come on, it's the holidays! We both know you are going to eat more than you should, so let's just embrace it. I encourage my private clients to switch to a "nutrient per calorie" model when they are going to cheat. That means that if you can't keep calories low, focus on those items that are loaded with nutrients and use them to enhance your "cheats." Here are three ideas:

1. Cranberry sauce

Assuming it is homemade and not from a can (which likely means more sugar), this condiment is a great way to stretch that brownie/Nanaimo bar/cake you have on your plate. A couple of tablespoons on the side will

give you a filling, tart kick of phytonutrients and fibre. The hope is that you can now resist that second slice...

2. Spice it up

Your brain registers intense flavours more actively than bland ones. This means that adding spiciness or low calorie intensity may help you feel satisfied with less food. Think hot sauce, spicy mustard or even horseradish — all will perk up your palate!

3. Fresh herbs

Oh, I know they are often only on the platter for garnish but who says you can't hog garnish? Fresh herbs are full of chlorophyll and tummy soothing nutrients that may replace the extra space on your plate that you are tempted to fill with mashed potatoes.

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Games to raise your money IQ

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Website's game, called Cranial Cash Clash, helps teach you money skills



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It's not too late to raise your holiday money IQ! If you're feeling a little overwhelmed as the big day draws near, there's nothing like a game to improve your outlook.

The Investor Education Fund (getsmarteraboutmoney.ca) has created Cranial Cash Clash, a series of interactive games to teach money skills. The latest, Gift Thrift, offers tips about holiday spending, the use of credit cards and related topics such as credit ratings. You may find that a couple of the questions have fairly obvious answers, but they do get you thinking.

On the other hand, there are

many you likely don't know.

Try this one: If you decide to give a gift to your favourite charity or charities, does the amount you give affect the tax credit you receive?

Which is right?

A. No. As long as they are accredited charities, the benefit to you is the same.

B. Yes, but there may be restrictions for out-of-province charities.

C. Yes, the tax credit goes up if you give more than \$200.

D. No, it's a 15 per cent credit no matter how much you give.

The answer is C.

Gift Thrift can be played via Facebook with friends or family members. The Leaderboard lets you log in and keep track of scores as you go. There are eight other Cranial Cash Clash games dealing with everything from investing to financial scams and debt. The questions are randomized so you can't practice the answers for a certain win.

Bonus points are awarded when you answer within a certain time. If you flub, as I did on

Pop quiz

What is the interest free grace period on credit cards?

- A. There isn't one
- B. 30 days
- C. 14 days
- D. 21 days

• Answer (D)

a question about credit scores (my finger slipped, really!), you can input your email address at the end of the game to receive information about that subject area. You'll also see a link to a more detailed explanation.

Though not designed for youth, the series is also a great way to get teens and young adults thinking and talking about money issues. They won't be familiar with many of the topics, but the questions will stimulate discussion.

Cranial Cash Clash is a nice break from holiday shopping.

Contact Alison at griffiths.alison@gmail.com or alisongriffiths.ca



Christmas presents

Gift buying for awkward people



FUN AND FRUGAL
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So your dad has a new girlfriend and you're still warming up to her. Sure, she seems nice enough, but without knowing much about her personal tastes, what should you buy her for the holidays when your budget is already tight?

We've all been faced with the "what to buy for the awkward person in your life" dilemma. You don't want to waste your money or offend your boss, co-worker, a not-too-close friend, or someone your friend or family member is dating. You may even want to impress the person with something useful or miraculously thoughtful.

Before you hit up the mall for the latest infomercial gadget, understand the relationship of the person to you and what they mean to you today and in the future. If you and your brother-in-law are off to a rocky start, you may want to extend a thoughtful olive



It can be tough to find an appropriate gift for every person in your life. ISTOCK IMAGES

branch that could help mend a bridge or two. If it's your boss, watch what you spend so that you don't come off looking like a suck-up, especially if your coworkers find out.

Determine the appropriate price point for the person. Have an open discussion with friends and family members in advance and set limits. This might be an opportune time to introduce the idea of a frugal Secret Santa gift exchange where you're only responsible for buying one gift for one person.

Be resourceful. Investigate what the person would want or need. Listen carefully when in conversation to see if they give away any hints. Ask some-

one who knows them well what they'd enjoy. Are they a coffee connoisseur or movie buff? If so, perhaps a travel mug, which reduces waste and saves a few pennies at the till, or a gift card to the movies, would be appropriate.

Cash in your loyalty rewards toward the gift so you don't have to dig deeper into your wallet. Better yet, forget buying a gift and make a donation on behalf of your coworkers to a well-known charity.

Overall, stop while you're ahead. You don't need to buy gifts for everyone in your life. This results in overspending or spreading out your budget so thin that you'll end up buying junk for people rather than something useful or thoughtful. If you've got loads of people you'd like to please with presents, try baking or making something small and thoughtful.

A frugal gift of appreciation for that awkward person might go a long way toward making the relationship more pleasant.

But if you really don't like the person, forget a gift and simply save your money.

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Talk with kids about shooting, make them feel safe: Experts

Family. Following the Connecticut shooting, it's best to limit kids' exposure to media

The killings at a Connecticut elementary school left parents struggling to figure out what, if anything, to tell their children.

President Barack Obama said he and his wife, Michelle, would tell their daughters that they love them and hug them a little tighter. Experts say that's a good example to follow. Parents also should allow children to talk about their feelings in the coming days while sheltering them from the 24/7 media coverage of the event, they say.

A man gunned down more than two dozen people Friday, most of them kids at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school. The shooter was among the 28 people left dead, apparently from a self-inflicted wound.

Whitney Finucane wasn't sure how and when she would talk with her son, Nico, about the shooting. She kissed and hugged him when he came out from kindergarten at Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary in

Providence, R.I., on Friday.

"I don't know how to explain insanity and evil to a five-year-old," she said. "I don't know that he can really grasp it."

Even the youngest schoolchildren are likely to hear about it, said Glenn Saxe, chairman of the department of child and adolescent psychiatry at NYU Langone Medical Center.

"It's really important, especially at this time, for parents to check in with their kids, to be attuned to how they're feeling, how they're doing and to answer questions honestly and straightforwardly," he said. "For any other kid in school, this has meaning. Parents need to understand that even in surprising ways, this can affect their kids."

Parents can start by asking their children what they've already heard and what questions they have, said Dr. David Schonfeld, a pediatrician and director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. If they ask why someone would do something like this, it's OK to say you don't know.

"I wouldn't provide false reassurance or dismiss legitimate concerns," he said. "We

Safety at school

As students head back to their classrooms on Monday, parents and children should know that school shootings are rare and schools still are among the safest places, said William Lassiter of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence. Parents can ask their principal or parent-teacher group for a copy of their school crisis plan.

Notice whether schools stick to their own security plans, he said. Do people have to check in at the door and sign in at the front office, for example?

"A lot of times, the parents are the ones who need to remind the school," he said.

don't help children by telling them they shouldn't be afraid of things that are frightening."

Parents can tell their kids, "What is most important is that you're safe and you're going to be safe," said Dr. Louis Kraus, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Above all, parents need to try to help their children feel safe, he said. Helping kids return to or maintain normal routines can help minimize their anxiety, Kraus said.

Some children may ask the same questions over and over as a way to seek reassurance, and parents shouldn't dismiss them, said Dr. David Fassler, a child and adolescent psychia-

trist in Burlington, Vt.

"Acknowledge and validate the child's thoughts, feelings, and reactions. Let them know that you think their questions and concerns are important and appropriate," he said.

Parents of young children should keep their children from hearing reports on TV, radio and social media and to closely monitor exposure to media for all children, several experts said. Children who show persistent signs of anxiety and stress, including recurring nightmares or sleep problems and fears about leaving home, should see their pediatrician or a mental health expert, Kraus said.

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Austin won a Grey Cup as the Saskatchewan Roughriders' head coach in 2007. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Kent Austin was named the Tiger-Cats' head coach in Hamilton on Monday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NFL

Titans put end to Jets' playoff hopes

Chris Johnson went 94 yards for the longest touchdown run in the NFL since 2006 and the Tennessee Titans beat the Jets 14-10 on Monday night to eliminate New York from playoff contention.

Jake Locker's first touchdown run of the season put Tennessee ahead late in the third quarter and the Titans

intercepted four passes by a struggling Mark Sanchez to snap a three-game skid.

The Jets (6-8) needed to win their final three games and get help elsewhere to earn an AFC playoff spot. Instead, the Titans sacked Sanchez three times and got a fourth on Tim Tebow. Jason McCourty and Michael Griffin each had two interceptions, keeping the Jets out of the playoffs a second straight season.

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NFL



"It's something that I'm not focusing on — it's in the back of my mind. But I want to accomplish that."

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, who is 294 yards away from eclipsing Eric Dickerson's record of 2,105 yards rushing set in 1984 with two games remaining in the season.

Stamkos staying active while away from NHL ice

Lockout. Top sniper trying to 'pick up positives' while awaiting end to labour unrest

The longest hiatus Steven Stamkos has ever taken from high-level hockey is not without its occasional good moments.

There are always plenty of laughs when the NHL star takes the ice for a weekly pickup game with his father, Chris, and some buddies, a handful of whom are almost three times his age. There is the extra time spent in the gym alongside close friend and mentor Gary Roberts.

And then there is the anticipation of next week's Christmas celebration, the first one he'll get to enjoy at home with family in Markham, Ont., in six or seven years.

"As tough as it is, as frustrating as it is, you try to pick up some positives," Stamkos said.

Quoted

"We feel bad for (the fans), but we're obviously trying to get something done."

Steven Stamkos

But it's clear the NHL's most dangerous scorer is feeling the pain of the lockout. Standing under the sloped roof at the building formerly known as Maple Leaf Gardens on Monday, the locked-out Tampa Bay Lightning forward couldn't help but slip in a few references to his growing displeasure.

"It's frustrating," Stamkos said. "You do something for your whole life and you don't really think anything of it. Everything you do is geared towards playing hockey. Now when you don't have that, it's tough."

The 22-year-old quickly steered the conversation back to a charity game on Wednesday night in Toronto, where he'll captain a team against one led by Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban.

He'll get to skate alongside James Neal, Dion Phaneuf, Phil Kessel and Logan Couture, among others, with all of the proceeds from the sold-out Mattamy Athletic Centre benefiting the NHLPA's Goals & Dreams Fund and the RBC Play Hockey program.

"When there's no hockey, you try to find other things to do and a great cause to be part of," Stamkos said. "This is one of them."

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Tampa Bay Lightning sniper Steven Stamkos is keeping busy during the NHL lockout by playing pickup hockey, working out and getting involved in charity games. **BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE**

State of the lockout

- Games cancelled. Players have missed six pay-cheques, with 526 games cancelled through Dec. 30.

- State of talks. Neither side is meeting. The NHL and NHLPA met with federal mediators in New York from Dec. 12 to 13, but then talks ended.

- Happening now. All 750 players are deciding whether to give their 30-member executive board the mandate to file what is known as a "disclaimer of interest." A two-thirds majority is needed to take the next step — dissolving their union. The five-day informal electronic vote is being conducted until Thursday.

- Will it pass? Think "solidarity" here. There's no way players won't get behind this move. Not giving their board this power basically ends the game with Gary Bettman smiling like the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chance to contend too tempting for Jays GM



R.A. Dickey, the National League's Cy Young Award winner in 2012, passed a physical on Monday and signed a two-year extension with the Blue Jays with a club option for the 2016 season. **DENIS POROY/GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos paid a steep price to land knuckleballer R.A. Dickey, but he says it was the deal he needed to make for Toronto to be contenders for longer than just next season.

Anthopoulos made an other splashy move in an off-season full of them, acquiring the 38-year-old reigning NL Cy Young winner in a bid to improve the Jays starting rotation.

"We're just so close to contention," Anthopoulos said on a conference call

Quoted

"Looking forward to a new chapter with the Jays."

R.A. Dickey on Twitter after officially being acquired by the Blue Jays on Monday.

Monday night. "It's not just about one season. This allows us to put what we feel is a contending team together for an extended run, for a three- to five-year period."

The Jays gave up prized young catcher Travis d'Arnaud to the New York

Mets as part of a package.

Toronto then signed Dickey to a two-year contract extension for \$29 million US, with a \$12-million option for the 2016 season. Dickey was already signed for \$5.25 million next year.

The Blue Jays also acquired catcher Josh Thole and minor-league catcher Mike Nickeas, while the Mets received catcher John Buck, minor-league right-hander Noah Syndergaard and minor-league outfielder Wulmer Becerra.

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NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	6	.750	—
Miami	15	6	.714	1½
Atlanta	14	7	.667	2½
Chicago	13	10	.565	4½
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	4½
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	5
Indiana	13	11	.542	5
Boston	12	11	.522	5½
Philadelphia	12	12	.500	6
Orlando	11	13	.458	7
Charlotte	7	16	.304	10½
Detroit	7	20	.259	12½
Toronto	6	19	.240	13½
Cleveland	5	20	.200	13½
Washington	3	18	.143	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	—
L.A. Clippers	18	6	.750	2
San Antonio	19	7	.731	2
Memphis	16	6	.727	3
Golden State	16	8	.667	4
Minnesota	12	10	.545	7
Utah	13	12	.520	7½
Denver	13	12	.520	7½
Houston	12	12	.500	8
Portland	11	12	.478	8½
Dallas	11	13	.458	9
L.A. Lakers	11	14	.440	9½
Phoenix	10	15	.400	10½
Sacramento	7	17	.292	13
New Orleans	5	18	.217	14½

Division leaders ranked in top three positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Monday's results
Orlando 102 Minnesota 93
Houston 109 New York 96
L.A. Clippers 88 Detroit 76
Memphis 80 Chicago 71
Oklahoma City 107 San Antonio 93
Phoenix 101 Sacramento 90
Sunday's results
Toronto 103 Houston 96
L.A. Lakers 111 Philadelphia 98
Denver 122 Sacramento 97
Portland 95 New Orleans 94
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Utah at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's games
Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.

NBA SCORING LEADERS				
	G	FG	FT	PTS
Bryant, LAL	25	246	192	738
Anthony, NYK	20	190	126	557
Durant, OK	23	202	192	632
Basile, Mia	21	210	85	533
Harden, Hou	22	163	181	549
Aldridge, Por	22	184	93	461
Westbrook, OK	23	170	103	478
Mayo, Dal	24	172	80	490
Curry, GoS	24	162	85	473
Pierce, Bos	23	145	125	454
Wade, Mia	18	134	78	350
Lee, GoS	24	192	77	461
Parker, SA	23	176	81	442
Gay, Mem	21	152	70	398
Ellis, Mil	22	153	97	419
Lillard, Por	23	149	81	432
Anderson, NO	23	162	23	427
Holiday, Phi	22	162	58	404
Griffin, LAC	23	173	71	418
Howard, LAL	25	162	129	454
Walker, Cha	23	151	90	416
Bosh, Mia	21	139	99	381
DeRozan, Tor	25	172	93	450
Deng, Chi	22	149	75	392
Randolph, Mem	21	149	71	369
West, Ind	24	175	72	422
Jefferson, Uta	24	179	58	418
Duncan, SA	24	164	85	415
Williams, Bro	23	130	91	391
Cousins, Sac	20	130	78	339
Jennings, Mil	22	139	52	371
Johnson, Bro	23	149	46	387
Crawford, LAC	23	125	89	382
Smith, Atl	20	138	42	331
George, Ind	24	145	50	394
Horford, Atl	20	145	36	326
Felton, NYK	23	150	34	375
Afflalo, Orl	23	143	56	372
Martin, OK	23	109	98	367
Paul, LAC	23	127	92	369
Batum, Por	22	117	60	347
Davis, Orl	23	147	66	360
Garnett, Bos	23	149	64	362
Thompson, GoS	24	141	34	377
Gallinari, Den	24	124	90	375
Matthews, Por	21	112	56	325
Parsons, Hou	22	125	45	342
Gasol, Mem	21	116	92	324
Turner, Phi	24	144	63	370
Pekovic, Min	19	113	65	291

Not including last night's games

RAPTORS STATISTICS				
	G	FG	FT	PTS
DeRozan	25	172	93	450
Bargnani	21	127	53	337
Lowry	16	78	72	253
Calderon	25	87	37	253
Anderson	8	20	10	88
Pietrus	8	23	9	66
Valanciunas	25	79	41	199
Kleiza	15	41	20	119
Davis	25	72	37	181
Johnson	24	66	35	169
Ross	23	58	6	140
Lucas	20	29	5	75
Fields	5	5	2	12
Acy	4	2	5	9
Gray	11	9	5	23

AHL				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Portland	27	15	10	1
Providence	25	14	9	0
Worcester	26	13	10	1
Manchester	27	12	11	2
St. John's	28	13	14	0
NORTHEAST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Springfield	25	15	5	2
Bridgeport	26	12	11	1
Albany	23	9	8	0
Connecticut	26	11	13	2
Adirondack	25	10	14	1
EAST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Syracuse	26	17	6	1
Binghamton	22	14	6	1
W-B/Scranton	25	13	10	1
Hershey	27	13	12	1
Norfolk	24	11	12	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
NORTH DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Abbotsford	26	15	5	3
Toronto	25	15	9	0
Rochester	24	12	9	2
Lake Erie	27	12	13	1
Hamilton	24	10	12	1
MIDWEST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Grand Rapids	24	13	9	1
Rochford	27	13	12	1
Chicago	24	12	9	2
Milwaukee	26	12	11	2
Peoria	26	11	11	2
SOUTH				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Charlotte	28	17	9	0
Houston	26	14	8	1
Texas	25	13	8	2
Oklahoma City	26	13	9	1
San Antonio	28	10	15	0

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.
Sunday's results
Springfield 3 Manchester 2 (SO)
Portland 3 Worcester 2
Grand Rapids 0 Toronto 5
St. John's 4 Providence 0
Charlotte 2 San Antonio 1
Hamilton 3 Milwaukee 4
Oklahoma City 3 Houston 4 (SO)
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday's games
Abbotsford at Chicago, 12 p.m.
St. John's at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Portland, 7 p.m.
Norfolk at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Albany at Bridgeport, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Lake Erie, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
W-B/Scranton at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Houston at Lake Erie, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Friday's games
Connecticut at Manchester, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Abbotsford at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Binghamton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Worcester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
St. John's at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Albany at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Adirondack at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Texas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE —Suspended Tampa Bay minor league OF Cody Rogers 50 games for refusing to take an offseason drug test.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
DETROIT TIGERS —Agreed to terms with RHP Anibal Sanchez on a five-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS —Agreed to terms with DH Carlos Pena on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Traded **C John Buck**, **C Travis d'Arnaud**, **RHP Noah Syndergaard** and **OF Wulmer Becerra** to the **N.Y. Mets** for **RHP R.A. Dickey**, **C Josh Thole** and **C Mike Nickeas**. Agreed to terms with **Dickey** on a three-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS —Agreed to terms with 3B Ian Stewart on a one-year contract. Designated **LHP Jeff Beliveau** for assignment. Agreed to terms with **RHP Chang-Yong Lim** on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS —Agreed to terms with INF Donnie Murphy on a minor league contract.

NBA
NBA —Promoted Mike Bass to executive vice president, communications.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES —Assigned G Josh Selby to Reno (NBADL). Recalled G Tony Wroten from Reno.

NFL
NFL —Suspended Washington T Jordan Black four games for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS —Re-signed OL Mike Gibson. Released DT Ricky Lumpkin.
CHICAGO BEARS —Placed DT Matt Toeaina on injured reserve. Signed T Cory Brandon from the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS —Released DB Dimitri Patterson.

CFL
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS —Named Kent Austin coach.

NHL
DALLAS STARS —Reassigned D Hubert Labrie from Idaho (ECHL) to Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS —Reassigned D Gleason Fournier and F Andrej Nestrasil from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS —Recalled F Luke Glendening from Toledo (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS —Released D Chris Reed from a professional tryout agreement and returned him to Cincinnati (ECHL).

MLS
NEW YORK RED BULLS —Signed M Juninho.

COLLEGE
CINCINNATI —Announced QB Brendon Kay has been granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA.
SAN JOSE STATE —Named Ron Caragher football coach.
TEMPLE —Named Matt Rhule football coach.
UC DAVIS —Named Ron Gould football coach.
WEST VIRGINIA —Announced WR Stedman Bailey will enter the NFL draft.

NFL				
AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
EAST				
	W	L	T	Pct
y-New England	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429
Miami	6	8	0	.429
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357
SOUTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
y-Houston	12	2	0	.857
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143
NORTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
x-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357
WEST				
	W	L	T	Pct
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786
San Diego	5	9	0	.357
Oakland	4	10	0	.286
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division.

WEEK 15
Monday's result
Tennessee 14 N.Y. Jets 10
Sunday's results
Washington 38 Cleveland 21
Miami 24 Jacksonville 13
Denver 34 Baltimore 17
Atlanta 34 N.Y. Giants 0
Minnesota 36 St. Louis 22
Houston 29 Indianapolis 17
Green Bay 21 Chicago 13
New Orleans 41 Tampa Bay 0
Seattle 50 Buffalo 17
Carolina 31 San Diego 7
Arizona 38 Detroit 10
Dallas 27 Pittsburgh 4
Oakland 15 Kansas City 0
San Francisco 41 New England 34

49ERS 41, PATRIOTS 34
LATE SUNDAY
San Francisco 7 10 14 10 —41
New England 0 3 7 24 —34
First Quarter
SF—Moss 24 pass from Kaepernick (Akers kick), 10:55.
Second Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 32, 8:31.
SF—Walker 34 pass from Kaepernick (Akers kick), 6:59.
SF—FG Akers 20, :00.
Third Quarter
SF—Gore 9 offensive fumble return (Akers kick), 10:38.
SF—Crabtree 27 pass from Kaepernick (Akers kick), 10:21.
NE—Woodhead 6 run (Gostkowski kick), 5:59.
Fourth Quarter
NE—Brady 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 14:58.
NE—Hernandez 5 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 12:13.
NE—Woodhead 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 6:43.
SF—Crabtree 38 pass from Kaepernick (Akers kick), 6:25.
SF—FG Akers 28, 1:56.
NE—FG Gostkowski 41, :38.
Attendance—68,756 at Foxborough.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
EAST				
	W	L	T	Pct
Washington	8	6	0	.571
Dallas	8	6	0	.571
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286
SOUTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
y-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429
Carolina	5	9	0	.357
NORTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
y-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571
Chicago	8	6	0	.571
Detroit	4	10	0	.286
WEST				
	W	L	T	Pct
x-San Francisco	10	3	1	.750
Seattle	9	5	0	.643
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464
Arizona	5	9	0	.357

WEEK 16
Saturday's game — All Times Eastern
Atlanta at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
New England at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

TEAM STATISTICS
SF
First downs 19
Total Net Yards 383
Rushes-yards 39-180
Passing 203
Punt Returns 3-15
Kickoff Returns 6-154
Interceptions Ret. 2-59
Comp-Att-Int 14-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost 1-13
Punts 5-56.6
Fumbles-Lost 6-1
Penalties-Yards 6-88
Time of Possession 30:13
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Francisco, Gore 21-83, James 8-31, Goldson 1-31, Kaepernick 7-28, Dixon 2-7, New England, Woodhead 12-61, Ridley 9-23, Brady 3-11.
PASSING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 14-25-1-216, New England, Brady 36-65-2-443.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Crabtree 7-107, Moss 2-36, Gore 2-34, Walker 2-29, V.Davis 1-10, New England, Lloyd 10-190, Hernandez 10-92, Welker 5-56, Woodhead 5-23, Branch 4-37, Hoomanawanui 1-41, Vereen 1-4.
MISSSED FIELD GOALS—San Francisco, Akers 39 (WL).

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

It may be hard to tell fact from fiction today, so don't jump to conclusions. What others say and what others mean are likely to be two different things, so it's essential that you read between the lines.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Attitude is everything, especially on the work front where you need to convince yourself that all things are possible. Your thoughts, more than ever today, will create your reality. Think success and you will be a success.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You would be wise not to make any major decisions or announcements today. You may be bursting to tell the world about what you have done but you will get a much better response if you leave it a while.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You are in danger of making something that is not that important appear bigger than it actually is. Your task today is to focus your mind on something that makes you feel good, something that lifts your spirits to new heights.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't be too eager to make changes today because there is a lot you don't know. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your work and career. Hints and gossip could easily mislead you.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Most of the time, you put logic before emotion but today's aspects warn you could go right the other way and act on feelings alone. Will it pay off? Maybe not, exactly, but no great harm will come of it.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will get conflicting information from people with different agendas today and there is no way of knowing who is telling the truth. Therefore, you must ignore everything and act only on what your inner voice tells you.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You are reading too much into a situation that is really quite simple. Not only that, but certain individuals are trying to influence your thinking to make you feel insecure. Don't let it happen. Believe in yourself.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If knowledge is power then it stands to reason that the more knowledge you have about what is going on, the more power you have to influence the outcome. But don't give knowledge away or your power will fade.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Someone will go out of their way to make life difficult for you today, but if you stay calm and refuse to react you will do your reputation a power of good. Always behave as if the world is watching you.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You could easily allow yourself to believe that you can do or say anything without repercussion, which is a dangerous attitude to take. Think before you act today. It could save you a lot of trouble.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may think that by supporting certain causes you are doing good in the world but are you truly committed on a personal level? One cause above all others is precious to you — give it your undivided attention. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword

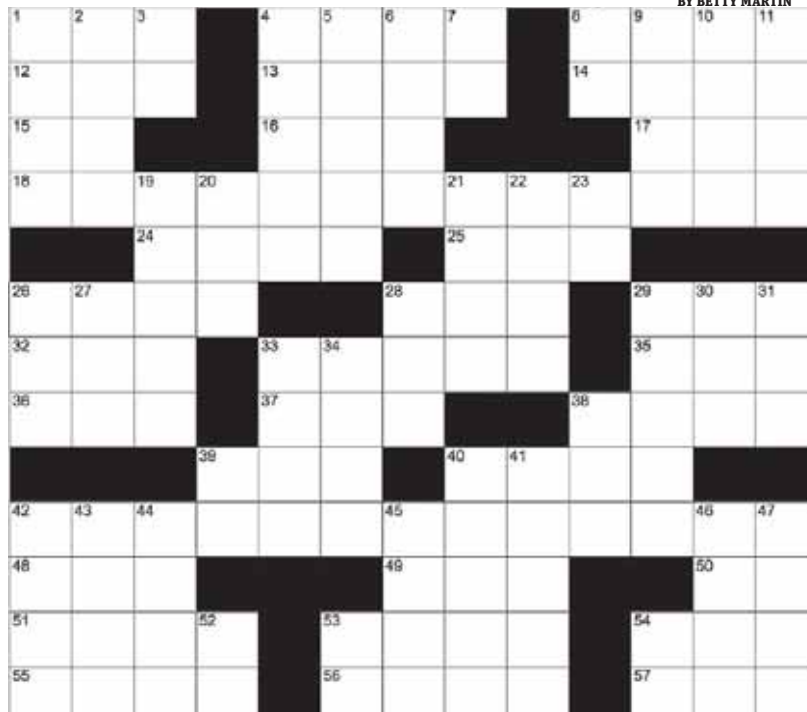
Across

1. Soft throw
4. Pull behind
8. Portico
12. French soul
13. Called up
14. TV executive Griffin
15. What Gloria called Edith
16. Invoice abbr.
17. Old model car
18. Rain or snow
24. Part of the eye
25. Tic tac toe win
26. Editing mark
28. Sanford and —
29. Coral reef
32. Summer cooler
33. Parisian school
35. Beer
36. Writing implement
37. Contented sighs
38. Elevator pioneer
39. —: Crime Scene Investigation
40. Rattle
42. Susan Lucci daytime soap (3 words)
48. Island welcome
49. Actor Wallach
50. "—the Right Thing"
51. Work on the street
53. General vicinity
54. Gun the engine
55. Olden sword
56. Workplace ogre, sometimes
57. Found on 39 across (abbr.)

Down

1. Desktop fixture
2. Actor Sharif
3. Who Wants to — a Millionaire?
4. Let the water out
5. Highway exits
6. Hostile
7. "I Will Survive" singer (init.)
8. Size before med. and lg.
9. Actress — Hatcher
10. Black and white cookie
11. Big name in cosmetics
19. Comic DeGeneres
20. So-so grade
21. Hammer or saw
22. First class (2 words)
23. "—Sir, With Love"
26. Drop bait lightly on the water
27. Dutch city
28. Distress call letters
29. Prepare food for a party
30. Living It Up! With — and Jack
31. Affirmative
33. Moderate
34. Elegant
38. This — House
39. She played Katherine Welling-ton on Harper's Island (init.)
40. Irritates
41. Assumed name
42. Swiss mountains
43. List
44. Inhabit
45. Medal recipient
46. Paradise
47. Star
52. Shoe width
53. Blood type
54. Host of '70s Family Feud (init.)

BY BETTY MARTIN



Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	7	9	5	1	3	4	8	2
4	3	8	9	8	2	7	1	5
5	1	2	4	7	8	6	9	3
1	8	6	7	5	9	3	2	4
2	5	4	6	3	1	8	7	9
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